to ensure independence and effective functioning of the Committee, it was decided to have unbiased officials of eminence, repute and unquestionable integrity.

(d) The Cost Acconting export on the Committee is a retired Chief Adviser (Cost.). He has surrendered the Certificate of practice granted to him by the I.C.W.A.I, since his accepting the membership of the High Powered Committee.

(e) At this juncture question does not arise.

Stock Yards of Steel Authority of India Limited

2787. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stockyards of the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) whether some of these stockyards are owned by the private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) which stockyards are owned and controlled by the Steel Authority of India;

(e) the criteria fixed for the allotment and extension of stockyards; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has 39 number of departmental stockyards and 13 number of consignment agency yards in the country.

(b) to (d) All departmental stockyards are owned and controlled by SAIL. The consignment agency yards, some of which are privately owned, are also controlled by SAIL the details of departmental stockyards and consignment agency yards are given in the statement. (See below)

(e) and (f) The opening of departmental stockyards/consignment agency at a particular location depends upon the demand potential of the location, infrastructural facilities, economic viability, etc. As per the general policy of the Company, the criteria/norms for opening a marketing outlet are as follows:—

(i) A departmental stockyard at a given location is considered feasible if there is an adequate demand potential at that location which would enable sale of at lest 5000 tonnes per month.

(ii) If the demand potential at a given location is less than. 5000 tonnes per month, feasibility of opening a consignment agency (CA) Yard is considered provided the expected sales would be at least 1000 tonnes per month.

(iii) If the demand potential at a location is less than 1000 tonnes per month, feasibility of opening an extension counter is considered provided the expected sales would be at least 500 tonnes per month.

Statement

List of Locations of Branches and Departmental Stock-Yards' Consignment Agency Yards (in Operation) of CMO/SAIL.

A. Departmental Stockyards:

Location	Number	Location	Number
Calcutta	3	Jammu	
Howrah	1	Bombay (Kalamboli)	
Durgapur	1	Pune	
Bhubaneshwar	1	Nagpur	
Rourkela	1	Ahmedabad	
Patna	1	Baroda	
Bokaro	1	Indore	
Guwahati (including New Bongaigoan)	2	Bhilai Gwalior	
Dimapur	1	Jaipur	
New Delhi	1	Kota	
Ghaziabad	1	Madras	
Allahabad	1	Trichy	
Kanpur	1	Coimbatore	
Faridabad	1	Cochin	
Chandigarh (including Parwanoo)	2	Secunderabad Vijayawada	
Jalandhar	1	Vizag Bangalore	
		Total	39

B. Consignment Agency Yards operated Through SSI Corporations (Seven Nos.)

Location	Operated by
Agra	UPSIC
Lucknow	UPSIC
Ludhiana	PSSI&EC
Mandi Gobindgarh	PSSI&EC
Srinagar	J&K SICOP (Plot owned by
Goa	SAIL)
Belgaum	CHR SSIDC KSSIDC

C. Consignment Agecny Yards Operated Through Private Parties (Six Nos.)

Location	Operated by
Jabalpur	M/s. S.A.E. (I) Ltd.
Bharatpur	M/s. Star Wire (I) Ltd.
Delhi	M/s. Capital Warehousing Corpn.
Faridabad	M/s. Star Wire (I) Ltd.
Siliguri	M/s. Dolly Distributors
Pondicherry	M/s. Sri Sarbati Steel Tubes Ltd.